



QUESTIONS FOR UCONN BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEE

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UCONN BOARD OF TRUSTEES ([CGS § 10a-103](#) AND [-104](#))

- The board consists of 21 members.
- The governor appoints 12 members who serve staggered, six-year terms. Students elect two members, one undergraduate and one graduate, who serve staggered, two-year terms. Alumni elect two members to staggered, four-year terms.
- The governor; agriculture, economic and community development, and education commissioners; and the chairman of the UConn Health Center Board of Trustees are ex-officio members.
- The board makes rules for governing the university and develops a mission statement for it, including the role and scope of each branch campus. It establishes schools, colleges, divisions, and departments within the university and coordinates branch and institutional services and programs. It oversees the financing and construction of UConn 2000, sets tuition and fees, promotes fund raising, and establishes gift policies for its foundation.

QUESTIONS

1. You were first appointed to the board in 2003. How has UConn changed since your initial appointment (e.g., the university's mission, its role in the state's economic development efforts, faculty and student body composition, campus appearance, etc.)?
2. What steps could UConn take to encourage more of its students to remain in Connecticut after graduating?
3. Demographic projections indicate that the size of the state's high school graduating cohorts will decrease over the next decade. How will UConn increase enrollment levels in light of these projections?
4. What are your thoughts on UConn administrators' compensation amounts? What guidelines does UConn have for determining compensation for its top administrators?
5. The legislature's Program Review and Investigations Committee recently released a report on UConn's affordability to students and found that affordability has declined. What are your thoughts on the report's conclusions? What is your opinion of UConn's affordability to students?
6. In 2011 the legislature passed the governor's Bioscience CT initiative. Please discuss UConn's progress during the past three years in implementing this initiative. Are projects progressing on schedule? What projects remain to be completed and what is the timeline for completing them?
7. Jackson Labs is constructing a new facility on the UConn Health Center campus. How will this impact the health center's clinical and research efforts? What opportunities are there for UConn and Jackson Labs researchers to collaborate?
8. UConn aspires to be a world-class research university. What is it doing to achieve this ambition? What additional steps should it take?
9. The Department of Labor recently issued a stop-work order for two subcontractors working on the new UConn basketball practice facility. How does UConn select contractors for its construction projects? What steps does it take to ensure that contractors and subcontractors comply with labor laws?
10. Last week the legislature's Higher Education Committee favorably reported a bill ([HB 5029](#)) concerning sexual assault on college campuses. What are your thoughts on the bill's requirements (e.g., do they go far enough, do they go too far)? How do they compare with UConn's current sexual assault policies?

11. What are your thoughts on UConn's current sexual assault policies? What types of sexual assault prevention and awareness programming does the university offer?
12. Last month independent counsel released a report concerning UConn's response to sexual abuse allegations made against a UConn professor. Among other things, it concluded that UConn's response to these allegations was inadequate. What are your thoughts on the report's conclusions? Do you believe that UConn's current policies are sufficient to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future?

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